

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the amendments as detailed above in the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification

The amendments to the specification, as detailed above, merely seek to incorporate priority information.


Amendments to the Claims

Claims 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 32-44 and 72-82 have been amended. All other claims remain unchanged. The proposed claim amendments merely seek to change claim dependencies in an effort to reduce excess claim fees. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added through the proposed amendment to the claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his/her time and consideration. If a telephone conversation would help clarify any issues, or help expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-5150.

Although it is believed that there is no fee associated with this Amendment, if Applicant is mistaken, please charge any fees to our Deposit Account No.: 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,


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